Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 12 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 13 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 11 Mar 2021 at 13:44 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High, falling low for Tuesday.

Headline for Friday 12 Mar 2021: Frequent snow showers bringing blizzard condtions and sunny intervals. Gales and severe wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 12 Mar 2021

Blizzards
High Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	40%

Forecast for Friday 12 Mar 2021

Weather: Frequent snow showers over most of the region, some heavy especially to the west of the A9 where the odd lightning strike can't be ruled out. Blizzard conditions due to the strong winds and sub-zero temperatures. Fewest showers and best of the sunshine around Strathdon and the Lecht.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% - but varying markedly as showers move through. Nearer 30% over western summits.

Visibility: Good away from showers but rapid deteriorations to poor or very poor in showers, with cloud descending to 700m at times in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	48/63 W	43/56 W	37/48 SW	33/44 SW	32/44 SW	32/44 SW	32/43 SW	29/39 SW	17/24 S
900	45/57 SW	40/52 SW	35/45 SW	32/42 SW	32/43 SW	30/42 SW	31/41 SW	28/37 SW	18/25 S
600	31/43 SW	27/38 SW	25/34 SW	23/33 SW	24/35 SW	23/34 SW	20/31 SW	18/28 SW	10/17 S
300	18/38 SW	14/34 SW	14/30 SW	14/31 SW	17/34 SW	15/31 SW	11/26 SW	8/21 SW	5/10 SW
Glen	7/31 SW	6/28 SW	6/24 SW	6/24 SW	9/28 SW	8/27 SW	6/23 SW	6/21 SW	4/13 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-17	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-17	-6/-16	-6/-13
900	-3/-14	-3/-13	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11	-2/-9
600	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-8	-0/-7	-0/-4
300	1/-5	1/-5	0/-5	1/-4	3/-3	2/-3	1/-3	1/-3	0/-2
Glen	2/-3	1/-2	1/-3	2/-2	3/-1	3/-1	3/-1	2/-2	1/-1
Freezing Level*	300m	300m	300m	400m	400m	400m	300m	400m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures at height.

Forecast for Saturday 13 Mar 2021
Weather: Overnight snow showers dying out to leave a mainly dry morning with some sunny spells. Turning cloudier in the afternoon with a few snow showers arriving on strengthening northwesterly winds.

Maximum wind: Easing overnight to be west to northwest 15-20mph by dawn, rising to 35 gusts 50mph by afternoon then up to 45 gusts 65 in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% in morning with scattered cloud patches then falling 40% in the afternoon.

Visibility: Good in morning, often good in afternoon but occasionally poor in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to Plus 6 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 300m overnight rising to 600m in the afternoon.

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